

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 111th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: May 20, 2010]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2350 (Mr. George Voinovich of Ohio et al.).

Proponent name,³ location: Rhein Chemie Corporation, Chardon, OH.

Other bills on product (111th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2011.⁴

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):


Mixtures of zinc dialkyldithiophosphate (CAS No. 6990–43–8) with an elastomer binder of ethylene-propylene-diene monomer and ethyl vinyl acetate, dispersing agents and silica (provided for in subheading 3812.10.50).

Check one: ☒ Same as that in bill as introduced.
 ☐ Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is a synthetic organic chemical that is used as a crosslinking agent for rubber. The main end-use for the product is transportation-related and technical rubber goods. Some of the final compounds are used to make hoses, belts, vibration control rubber parts, and automotive weather seals. The product is imported from Germany.

Estimated effect on customs revenue for the subject product classifiable in HTS subheading 3812.10.50:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
					
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports ^a	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Customs revenue loss ^b	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000

a/ Dutiable import estimates were based on official U.S. Government statistics and import estimates provided by industry sources.

b/ At the request of Congress, customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ.

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² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.

³ The sponsor/proponent did not identify any additional beneficiaries of this bill.

⁴ Heading 9902.12.72 expired on December 31, 2009.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Rhein Chemie Corporation (Proponent) Jamie Schaeffer, jamie.schaeffer@lanxess.com	12/15/2009	No	No	No
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Technical comments:⁵ None.

⁵ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2350

To extend temporarily the suspension of duty on Rhenogran TP-50.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend temporarily the suspension of duty on Rhenogran
TP-50.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RHENOGRAN TP-50.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.12.72 of the Har-
5 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
6 Rhenogran TP-50) is amended by striking the date in the
7 effective column period and inserting “12/31/2011”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

